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In the Specification:

1. Please amend the paragraph on page 6 bridging lines 13-29 as follows:

FIG. 1 schematically illustrates apparatus according to the preferred embodiment. A special device hardware input/output interface 113 ("special device") operates under control of user interface and script generation software 115. The ~~hardware interface~~ special device 113 may be, for example, a conventional touch screen and stylus of a palm-held device, which displays graphics and enables function selection by touching various icons and other indicia on the screen. The user interface software 115 provides the screen displays and interface capability, as well as the capability to translate certain screen selections into script that is recognized by an agent/messenger code module 117. The agent/messenger code module 117 is constructed as described in the aforementioned patent application to respond, for example, to a request for execution of a method upon a data object to send appropriate scripts through a data transmission medium 119 such as the internet to those nodes in a system 121 where the data object resides in order to cause automatic execution of the method at the nodes upon heterogeneous data and to cause automatic return of the results to the special device 113. The construction and operation of the graphical user interface and the software implementing it will now be described in more detail by reference to Figs. 2 to 22, which show illustrative examples of operation according to the preferred embodiment.

2. Please amend the sentence bridging lines 7-9 of page 9 as follows:

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It will be noted that the screen display of Fig. 5 includes a number of user-selectable screen areas, or "regions", that correspond to methods such as "sort," "search" and "compute," which may be invoked on the data.
